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Guide to Collection

Friend, George Cox

George Cox Friend Photograph Collection, ca. 1898-1952

PCA 525-2

1 Folder
20 b&w photographs – various sizes
1 Newspaper clipping
1 Letter
1 Invitation

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George Cox Friend was born March 1, 1866 in Virginia. He went to Alaska in 1886 (pre gold rush) when he was 20 years old. He retired to the lower 48 states and married Mary Angeline Thompson Pender in 1917. She was a widow with 2 small children. The only child he had, a son, died in infancy. The donor, Lorraine Pender, is the wife of a son of Mary Pender. George Cox Friend died February 12, 1953 in San Jose, California.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

20 photographs showing Alaska mining claims of George Cox Friend. There is a newspaper article that tells the stories of some of the pre-gold rush Alaska sourdoughs, a letter to George Friend from D.E. Griffith asking for his early Alaska story, and an invitation to the reunion dinner of the Pioneers of Forty Mile, Alaska, 1922.

SUBJECTS

Iditarod, Flat, Alaska, mining claims

INVENTORY

Folder 1 of 1

1. George Friend 1915 [standing on top of gold dredge]
2. [Man with dog sled and team of dogs]
3. George Friend in Alaska
4. George Friend in Alaska [dog teams and men with sleds with sails]
5. 41 Miners tents on Mastodon River by A. D[?]
6. [Man standing on ice in creek bed below flume]
7. Snow Slide on Chilkoot Trail Apr. 3, 1898, in which 51 people were lost. Digging them out. [by] H. Sankowsky, 1898
8. Climbing Chilkoot Pass, Apr. 24, 1899
9. [Miner's tents in mining camp]

10. Alaska [3 men with shaft and flume in background]
11. Old timers of the Klondike gold rush era who plan to be on hand for the International Sourdough Reunion in Seattle. L to R George Friend, H.A. "Ray" Stewart, and S.S. "Skiff" Mitchell.
12. Friend and James Open Cut on Flat Creek – Huey Foto
13. [Team of horses on muddy road, woman standing to the side – mining camp in background]
14. Friend and James Flat Creek – Huey Foto
15. Mulcher Bros. Freighters Iditarod, Alaska – Moving Friend and James Boiler – Huey Foto
16. Friend and James Flat Creek – Huey Foto
17. Panorama View of Friend and James Works Flat Creek – Huey Foto
18. Friend and James Flat Creek
19. Sourdough reunion – 11 men; George Friend top row farthest right.
20. Dec. 16, 1922 Bohemian Club – San Francisco. Center – Mr. Howard Hamilton Hart (Host) Piedmont – Oakland; Left Clarence Berry, San Francisco; Right Mr. George Cox Friend, San Jose [*Located in PCA 525-2 Oversize*]
21. [Pioneer Days of Questing for Gold in Yukon Recalled – newspaper "The Alaska Weekly" article. Oldtimers tell stories of pre-gold rush Alaska. Photo of George Friend, H.A. "Ray" Stewart, and S.S. "Skiff" Mitchell.]
22. [Letter to George Friend from D.E. Griffith asking for his early Alaska story. Gives history and views regarding first man to discover gold in the Klondike area.]
23. [Invitation to the reunion dinner of the Pioneers of Forty Mile, Alaska, 1922]